

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

## Shy of King Oscar.

It is probable that Uncle Sam and John Bull will hereafter refrain from sending any arbitration business to King Oscar.

## Away From the Golden Age.

Suicide of a New York school-teacher because her pupils misbehaved only indicates how far we have got away from the golden age of the rawhide.

## It Will Be More So.

Spain, England, France and Italy feel that the trouble in Morocco is "serious." But it will be more so when they undertake to settle it among them.

## Remarkable Flight of Swallows.

It has often been stated that 60 miles an hour was the utmost rate at which a swallow could fly. Recent experiments between Compelgne and Antwerp proved that a swallow in a hurry can cover 128 1/2 miles in an hour.

## Two Types of Geniuses.

In a lifetime of arduous toil Zola made \$1,200,000 by his pen. That was literary genius. In a few weeks of comfortable work J. Pierpont Morgan made \$10,000,000 by organizing the steel trust. That was financial genius.

## The Strength of a Beetle.

A scientist has calculated that if a beetle were as large as a horse, with its muscular strength increased in proportion to its size, it could, with the greatest ease, pull a loaded train of 12 cars, engine and all, along a track, or move a two-story house on wheels.

## Liberal Treatment of Employees.

The Pennsylvania railroad company will incur no loss through its liberal policy to employees. A ten per cent. increase in salaries, amounting in the aggregate to more than \$4,000,000, should be an incentive to render better services. The action of the company is all the more praiseworthy because it was voluntary. It shows that one corporation, at least, has a soul.

## Some Average Earnings.

Announcement in the British Medical Journal that the average income of physicians is \$2,500 a year has caused much controversy. It is maintained that only a small number earn so much, even after years of arduous work. In this country some average incomes are estimated thus: Surgeons, \$2,000; physicians, \$1,750; lawyers, \$1,250; journalists, \$1,000; clergymen, \$500; artists, \$750; authors, \$500; nurses, \$300.

## A Long Bottle Story.

A bottle which has been on its way for two years and a half has just been picked up near the Hawaiian Islands. From its contents it appears that it was thrown into the sea in 1900 by a Mr. Roeder, of Illinois. It appears to have floated down the Mississippi, crossed the Mexican gulf and the Atlantic, doubled Cape Horn, and drifted on the Pacific until picked up—a distance of 10,000 miles or so.

## Then There Will Be Trouble.

If the National Live Stock association does actively take the field against the meat combine, it will make some trouble. The association represents hundreds of thousands of stockmen and probably \$1,000,000,000 in capital. If it wanted to, it could break any packing concern in the country simply by withdrawing its members' patronage from it, and it could enrich any concern by giving it even a small proportion of its members' business.

## An Army of Postmasters.

Of all government employees, the fourth-class postmasters are the most numerous. They number more than 70,000, and exceed by 12,000 the officers and men of the army of the United States, as now reduced to a minimum. Not far from one person in every 1,000 keeps a post office of this grade. Fourth-class postmasters receive for compensation the receipts from box rents, and a commission on their cancellations and incidentals, such as the sale of waste-paper.

## Wait Until 1904.

St. Louis has set apart 120 acres—50 per cent. more space than Chicago had—for her midway. Not only this, but St. Louis has planned a new departure in midway. Her midway is to be watched over with all the tender solicitude that is bestowed on a Sunday school picnic. At least, that is the way the beneficent vision presents itself to the enraptured fancy of the fair authorities. But you must wait until that fair gets in full swing and—well, you will see what you will see.

## Corn Every Three Months.

In Cuba, it is said, four crops of corn can be raised in a year, and the question is asked, if Kansas farmers can make money growing one crop a year, what might be done in Cuba, where four crops can be raised? In this "newspaper talk" it is stated that Cuban corn is smaller than the average United States corn, which means that it is ever so much smaller than Kansas corn. Then, also, what about the fertility of the soil under the strain of four crops a year?—Topeka Mail and Breeze.

## Victim of "Tobacco Cure."

A man who chewed 20 cents worth of tobacco a week concluded to try a tobacco cure. In two weeks he ate \$1.50 worth of cure, and for the next two weeks he used 10 cents worth of candy, 5 cents worth of candy, 5 cents worth of peanuts and 5 cents worth of cough drops per day. During these two weeks he also consumed two large rubber erasers, ate the rubber tips from 14 lead pencils, chewed up a dozen penholders and brewed off his moustache as high as he could reach.

## CANAL NEGOTIATIONS

## Prospects for a Treaty with Colombia Not Very Bright.

## Nicaragua and Costa Rica Not Disposed to Negotiate Until It Is Established That No Treaty Can Be Made with Colombia.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The cabinet meeting yesterday was devoted almost exclusively to the consideration of the status of the reciprocity treaty with Cuba and the canal treaty with Colombia. The negotiations have been discussed, as were also the prospects of settlement.

Secretary Hay, while presenting the subject of the canal negotiations, was not able to report that any progress had been made during the past week. In fact, it appears that the negotiations have come to a stop, and, while no such thing as a ultimatum has been passed, the precise situation may be described in the statement that the Colombian minister here, Concha, has distinctly informed the state department that he cannot, in behalf of his government, accept the last proposition of the United States as a basis of a canal treaty. The state department has already let it be known that it has come to the end of its concessions, so the chances of a renewal of the negotiations in the near future are not very bright.

This state of affairs will stimulate the negotiations with Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the alternate route, but it now appears that the diplomatic representatives of these countries are not disposed to allow themselves to be used to coerce Colombia and, therefore, are desirous of remaining in the background until it shall be clearly established that no treaty can be made between Colombia and the United States.

## WARE STARTS A BREEZE.

## Pension Commissioner Wants 500 Superannuated Clerks Retired on Allowances and 100 Young Men Given Their Places.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Eugene F. Ware, the pension commissioner, has raised a subject for discussion among Washingtonians than all the rumors about extra sessions and tariff revisions and other legislative possibilities. In a letter to the secretary of the interior, the pension commissioner has recommended the passage of a law retiring at a civil pension 500 superannuated clerks in this department, and the employment of 100 active young men in their places. These 100 young men would do more and better work, the commissioner from Kansas declared, than the 500. One-half of Washington is composed of superannuated clerks or the friends and relatives of them.

## Wrote for a Machine to Make Money.

Carthage, Mo., Nov. 25.—J. H. Cameron, of this city, Mo., was brought here yesterday by a deputy marshal and arraigned before United States Commissioner Roper on a charge of attempted counterfeiting. Two weeks ago Cameron wrote a firm in Philadelphia for a machine to make counterfeit money, saying: "I want you to send me a machine that will make five dollar bills and make 'em rite." The letter was turned over to the postal authorities.

## A Convict Declared Insane.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 25.—Convict William Lampier, of Kansas City, who killed convict George Wilson last April at the penitentiary, was yesterday acquitted of murder by the Cole county circuit court jury on the grounds of insanity. Lampier will be taken to the state insane asylum at Fulton. If cured of his dementia he will be returned to Jefferson City to serve out his present term of 50 years in the penitentiary.

## Snow and Sleet in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 26.—A drizzling rain fell over the most of eastern and central Kansas yesterday afternoon and evening. It reached here at eight o'clock. The wind shifted to the north and the mercury dropped 15 degrees in two hours. At Troy and other northeastern Kansas towns the rain changed to snow. Here it changed to sleet.

## Lead Strike at Keosauqua, I. T.

Toledo, I. T., Nov. 25.—Considerable excitement is manifested at Keosauqua, about 20 miles west of here, over the discovery of large deposits of zinc and lead. Laborers blasting on the Arkansas Valley & Western grade blew the side off a bluff along the river and exposed a rich lode about 40 feet in thickness. It is 40 feet beneath the surface.

## To Prevent Immoral Shows.

Marshall, Mo., Nov. 26.—The leading church women of this city have organized a permanent vigilance committee to prevent the appearance here of immoral shows. This action is an outgrowth of the indignation resulting from the performance here recently of a burlesque opera show, which was attended by the men only.

## Granted an Increase in Wages.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 26.—In conference yesterday the officials of the Santa Fe system granted an increase in wages to engineers and firemen east of Albuquerque. The raise will amount to from five to 75 cents per 100 miles run.

## Chief of the Coin Division Dead.

New York, Nov. 26.—The death of Francis E. Meyers, chief of the coin division at the sub-treasury, was announced yesterday. He was considered one of the best coin experts in the country. He was 57 years old.

## A Man Vagued Under Pit Cars.

Weir City, Kan., Nov. 25.—John Matthews, 19 years old, was instantly killed at the J. R. Crow Coal company mine, No. 6, this city, yesterday. He was bringing in a trip of loaded pit cars and in some manner fell beneath them. He was mangled in a horrible manner by the wheels.

## Car's Sister Has a Son.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 26.—The car's sister, Grand Duchess Xenia, wife of Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, was delivered of a son at Alford, England.

## END OF STRANGE TRAGEDY.

## Mourners at the Funeral of Mrs. Nellie Gore, the American Woman Who Was Killed in Paris.

Paris, Nov. 27.—The funeral of Mrs. Nellie Gore took place at the American church this afternoon and was attended by a large crowd, mainly Americans. The front of the church was packed by an assemblage of people attracted by curiosity, including many students. The body was in a plain oak casket covered by a black pall, having on it the initial "G." It was taken to the church in an open hearse which was followed by three carriages. None of the relatives of the deceased were present and there were no mourners. Five beautiful floral offerings, one of them being from Mr. Gowdy, were placed around the casket. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Thurber. There was no music and the pastor avoided direct mention of the tragedy, the only reference to it being that the deceased was alone in a strange land. Dr. Rydzewski, in whose apartment Mrs. Gore died, was not present at the funeral owing to the advice of his lawyer, who feared a demonstration.

## FOR A "HOTEL EPWORTH."

## Modern Structure on the World's Fair Site Will Be Used for Methodist Hospital After 1904.

St. Louis, Nov. 27.—The final plans for the construction of the Hotel Epworth, which is to be finished in time for the world's fair, were announced yesterday. The building will contain 500 rooms, and a site has been purchased in the heart of Rosedale heights, at the southwest corner of Melville and Washington avenues, three blocks north of the administration building. The ground is very high, and from the hotel a fine bird's-eye view of the fair buildings and surroundings may be had. The object of the hotel company is the erection of a hotel for the accommodation of Christian people and their friends during the fair. At the close of the exposition the building will be devoted to a board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church for the establishment of an Epworth hospital and deaconess evangelistic institute. The building will be modern in every respect. It will have heavy brick walls, strong floors, and all partitions, walls and ceilings will be finished in a hard cement plaster.

## CAN'T TAKE A DAY OFF.

## Anthracite Miners Voted to Dig Coal Thanksgiving—Abnormal Prices for Hard Coal at the Mines.

Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 27.—The United Mine Workers have decided to keep all the collieries at work with a full force of men Thanksgiving day. The operators requested the men to remain at work, and this action is in compliance with their request. Agents from New York and Philadelphia are buying up all the product of the independent operators. They are paying \$7 and \$8 per ton for coal delivered on board at the collieries. For this reason individual operators are refusing to sell coal for local consumption for which they only get \$3.50.

## Northfield Won't Stand for It.

Appleton, Wis., Nov. 27.—John Hoefler, manager of the theatrical company now making Minnesota with a production of Jesse James, the bandit hero, has been notified by the marshal of Northfield, Minn., that a performance of the play will not be tolerated in that town. The real Jesse James and his band rode down the main streets of Northfield and robbed the First National bank after killing the cashier.

## They'll Nominate by Primary.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 27.—The democratic state executive committee has ordered a primary election for the nomination of all state candidates. The primary is called for May 9 next. The calling of a primary is an innovation with the party in this state, conventions always having been held heretofore.

## Fewer Cigars Manufactured.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The total number of cigar factories in the United States is 24,567, a decrease of 2,799 as compared with 1900. The total number of cigars weighing more than three pounds to the 1,000 was 6,139,390,776, a decrease of 573,721,075 for the year.

## The Kaiser at Krupp's Funeral.

Essen, Prussia, Nov. 27.—The remains of Herr Krupp were buried Wednesday. The obsequies were impressive. Emperor William followed the hearse on foot from the old home of the grandfathers of the deceased to the cemetery.

## Jowa's First Snowstorm Th a Winter.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 27.—For several hours Wednesday forenoon snow fell in Des Moines, Dubuque, Davenport and all parts of Iowa except the northwest section in the vicinity of Sioux City. This is the first snow of the season in Iowa.

## Devotes \$200,000 to Science.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The Carnegie institute board has authorized the executive committee to appropriate \$200,000 of the income to the purposes recommended by the advisory committees in various branches of science.

## Searched for Los Angeles Property Owners.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 27.—Eastern heirs claim the ownership of and intend to sue for the possession of city property valued at several million dollars and hundreds of titles are threatened.

## FACTS AND FIGURES.

Mount Aetna has diminished 65 feet in height during the last 20 years, through the gradual crumbling of its crater.

In the years 1892 to 1899 the French army lost 6,881 men by typhoid fever, while the German army lost only 374 through the same disease.

The sugar crop of the Hawaiian islands for the year ending September 30 is 355,611 tons, the largest crop by 50,000 tons ever raised on the islands.

## A SCANDAL BREWING

## Widows of Old Soldiers in Scheme to Defraud Government.

## Thousands of People in at Least 20 Different States Involved—Result of Attempts to Crowd Small Claimants from Public Domain.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 25.—Nebraska is on the eve of the greatest scandal in the west has ever known. A scandal so wide-spread and far-reaching that thousands of people from 20 or more states are concerned in its different ramifications. The conspiracy extends to officers and representatives of the United States and takes in business and professional men in many cities and states; but the sufferers will be the comparatively innocent. The United States grand jury, in session at Omaha, has had the matter laid before them and are now probing the scandal. Thousands of widows of union soldiers will probably be indicted for perjury and a number of the best-known business men and politicians of the west may be called upon to plead to the charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States. It is the old story of the cattle baron of the west and his efforts to keep out the small cattle raiser and the settler who comes west with the purpose of "homesteading" a farm for himself. But a new tack has been taken by these cattle kings. Instead of the usual way of running a long line of wire fences across the government domain, they have hit upon the plan of inducing widows of union soldiers to take up homesteads and sell their claims to the cattle-raisers. It sounded all right, but when it is taken into consideration that, in order to make a filing on public lands, it becomes necessary to make oath that such lands are for the exclusive use of the applicant, it then becomes necessary for the applicant to commit perjury in order to make the filing. Soldiers' widows were selected to take up the claims because of the clause in the United States laws which permit them to make the necessary entries without living on the property.

## CRADDOCK WON'T CONTEST.

## Late Fusion Candidate for Governor Says He Fears a Republican Senate and Republican Supreme Court.

Kansas City, Kan., Nov. 24.—In an address to the people of Kansas, Mayor W. H. Craddock, late fusion candidate for governor, says he will not contest the election of W. J. Bailey. He says while he believes the fusion state ticket would be shown elected if all ballots cast were fairly counted, it would cost at least \$15,000 to fight the case and secure a recount. He says the contest would be tried before a republican senate first and a republican supreme court later. A quicker and more certain way, Mr. Craddock declares, will be to submit the question to the people two years hence, and he expresses absolute confidence that the anti-republican forces will win. He says the fight for the people against corporate power must not cease "until the people are once more restored to their own."

## THE SULTAN BUYING GUNS.

## Sixty-Six Guns and 220,000 Small-Caliber Mousers Among the New Armament for Turkey's Army.

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## IT'S THE INEVITABLE TREND.

## President Roosevelt Says It Is Idle to Protest Against Corporations and Unions Merely as Such.

Washington, Nov. 27.—President Roosevelt received Wednesday the members of the British labor committee, who are making a tour of the United States as the guests of Alfred Moreley, the British philanthropist. After greeting the members of the party, the president said: "More and more, as our modern industrial progress goes on, there is a tendency to work in federation or combinations, both among employer and employees, in corporations and unions; and, of course, among the reasons why I take a very great interest in these combinations is the very fact that by their power they have such great possibilities for good—which necessarily implies that they have also great possibilities for evil. Whether you wish them or not, it is idle, in my opinion, to protest against the inevitable tendency of the times toward both corporation and union. It is worse than folly to take exceptions to either corporation or union as such. The line should be drawn on conduct."

## CITIZENS WERE AROUSED.

## Bold Attempt to Rob a Bank at Akron, Ind., Prevented by the Prompt Use of Fire Arms.

Akron, Ind., Nov. 27.—Early to-day a desperate attempt was made to rob the Exchange bank at this place. The robbers captured and bound the two night telephone operators and cut all telephone wires leading out of the local exchange. They also bound and gagged a physician whose office is in the same block with the Exchange bank. The first explosion of dynamite at the bank aroused the citizens, who hastened to the scene with fire-arms. Many shots were exchanged, but the robbers escaped without any booty.

The post office at Clarksville, Ind., was entered early to-day and the safe dynamited. About \$300 worth of stamps were taken. The mail pouches were also looted.

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"I had terrible pains along my spinal cord for two years and suffered dreadfully. I was given different medicines, wore plasters; none of these things helped me. Reading of the cures that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought about, I somehow felt that it was what I needed and bought a bottle to take. How glad I am that I did so; two bottles brought me immense relief and after using these bottles more I felt new life and blood surging through my veins. It seemed as though there had been a regular house cleaning through my system, that all the sickness and poison had been taken out and new life given me instead. I have advised dozens of my friends to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Good health is indispensable to complete happiness, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has secured this to me."

—Mrs. LAURA L. BREWER, Crown Point, Indiana, Secretary Ladies Relief Corps. —\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Every sick woman who does not understand her ailment should write Mrs. F. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free and always helpful.

## Only an Amateur.

Cultured Mother—My dear, your sister Clara is an amateur pianist. I am an amateur photographer, and Elvira is an amateur astronomer, but you don't seem to be anything.

Pretty Daughter—Oh, yes, mamma, I am an amateur finance. Here's my first engagement ring.—Pittsburg Press.

"Who were those two women who just registered?" inquired the hotel proprietor. "Mrs. Mary McGinnis and her daughter, Miss Mayme MacVines," replied the clerk.—Philadelphia Press.

Dropsy treated free by Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest dropsy specialists in the world. Read their advertisement in another column of this paper.

Tommy Backbay—"Mother, is it a sin to say 'Rubber-neck'?" "Madam Backbay—" "It is worse than a sin, Thomas; it is vulgar."—Harvard Lampoon.

Pleasant, Wholesome, Speedy, for coughs is Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

Girls who would buy titled husbands must have legal tender hearts.—Chicago Daily News.

Putnam Fadeless Dyes cost but 10 cents per package.

## Straight to the Spot

THOUSANDS PROFIT BY THE FREE OFFER OF DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS AND GET CURED.

Aching backs are eased. Hic, back, and loam pains overcome. Swelling of the limbs and dropsy signs vanish.

They correct urine with brick dust sediment, high colored, excessive, pain in passing, dribbling, frequency. Doan's Kidney Pills dissolve and remove calculi and gravel. Relieve heart palpitation, sleeplessness, headache, nervousness.

TELL CITY, IND.—I received the free trial of Doan's Kidney Pills. They are splendid. I had an awful pain in my back; on taking the pills the pain left me right away and I feel like a new man.—Stephen Schaefer.

Mrs. ADDIE ANDREWS, R. F. D. No. 1, Broadhead, Wis., writes: I received the free trial of Doan's Kidney Pills with much benefit. My little nephew was suffering terribly with kidney trouble from scarlet fever. Two doctors failed to help him and he finally went into spasms. His father gave him Doan's Kidney Pills and from the second dose the pain was less. He began to gain and is to-day a well boy, his life saved by Doan's Kidney Pills.

## FREE FOR THE ASKING.

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## Take a dose of Prickly Ash

Bitters at night when